

THE TOWN ASSEMBLY MEETING FOR THE VILLAGE OF ARDEN
WAS HELD ON MONDAY JUNE 28th 1993 AT 7:30 PM
IN THE GILD HALL, ARDEN.

MINUTES FROM THE JUNE TOWN ASSEMBLY

THOSE PRESENT:

Debbie Styles	Jim Stevenson	Edward Rohrbach
Marie Stevenson	Paul Thompson	Larry Walker
A. Sykulski	Rae Gerstine	Peter Renzetti
Steven Threefoot	Rich Bloom	Tim Colgan
Bill Press	Maryanne van Neerden	Hans van Neerden
Gail Rinehart	Lynne Svenning	Marianne Cinaglia
Shaul Gladstone	Marge Mabrey	Lee Starr
Helen Macklem	Bessie Southwell	Anne Berlin
Pat Liberman	Barbara Fenske	Mark Taylor nv
Marjorie Roberts	Hugh Roberts	Bob Wynn
Mary Andrews	Michael Curtis	Dawn Valichka nv
Skip Salkeld	Dan Szurgyjlo	Caroll Page
Helen Ohlson	Bernie Brachman	Peggy Aumack
Maryellen Jobson	Jean Brachman	Sonya Taluzzi nv
Cy Liberman	Sharon Kleban	Jannie Stearns
Yvonne King	Sue Hornung	Tom Hornung
Lou Bean	Laurie Curl	Rebecca Fisher
Connee Wright McKinney	John Demsey	Judy Butler
Eugene Shaw	Teri Tremel	Chris Demsey
Ethel Monfort	Harold Monfort	A. Barnes King
Mary Brent Whipple	Maria Burslem	Alan Burslem
Carl Falco	B. R. Phillips	June Kleban
Bonnie Burslem	Edward Kelly	Anne Oldach
Tom Colgan	Rodney Jester	

Agenda Clarification: none

Approval of March Town Minutes: approved

Communications: none

Guest speaker from Kamin Retirement living spoke briefly and would like to keep a line of communication going between the Village and Kamin.

TOWN WATCH REPORT: Kate Bartolo

Kate reported on the success of community involvement in Town Watch and a log is kept for each patrol. The most recent log for June reports activity noted - 47 cats, 1 opossum, 753 speed bumps !

The success of the Town Watch seems to be evident when it is operating on a regular basis, and Kate asks if you are not already involved, they would appreciate your help.

TRUSTEES REPORT:

- 1) The bank's balance of cash plus investments as of May 31, 1993 was \$236,242.46.
- 2) The Village investment in the Arden Building and Loan Association is \$40,000.00.
- 3) The "General Fund Balance", or Reserve as it is frequently called, as of March 25, 1993, was \$88,435.00.
- 4) We selected a Trustee-Designate and are attaching to this report copies of letters to both the Registration Committee and the residents which specify this choice, and which delineate what we consider to be significant qualifications.
- 5) The position of Secretary to the Trustees has been filled by Kathleen M. Bartolo, effective June 16, 1993.

Respectfully submitted,
 Trustees of Arden
 Shaul Gladstone
 Gail Rinehart

Report accepted

COMMITTEE REPORTSADVISORY COMMITTEE: Marianne Cinaglia

Committee elections: Three committees need to have the Town Assembly's approval on committee members.

1. Archives - Maryellen Jobson term 1 year. All in favor - aye
2. Legislative - Tom Hornung term 2 years. All in favor - aye
3. Reference
3. Community - Run off election for length of term. Results of election
- Planning
 - Betsy Roberts to serve 1 year.
 - Marje Mabrey to serve 2 years.

Historical Marker: State representative Wayne Smith has announced that in response to Joan Colgan's request, the State will present the Village of Arden with a marker which designated that Arden is on the Historical Register. The Town will be involved in the planning of the marker.

The official changes to the Registration Committee regarding the number of members and length of term(HB61)has passed, this will be signed and copies sent to the Village.

Kamin Activity: I was asked to participate in the May activities at Kamin, the facility is lovely and Kamin would be glad to help the Village whenever possible, perhaps with parking on Arden Fair Day etc.

We would like to thank the Civic Committee for the refreshments at the Assembly tonight.

Report accepted

BOARD OF ASSESSORS
VILLAGE OF ARDEN

REPORT TO TOWN ASSEMBLY, JUNE 28, 1993
FOR LAND RENT DUE MARCH 25, 1994

SECTION I

The Board of Assessors has the responsibility of fixing the rates to be used in determining "the full rental value" which each Arden leaseholder pays for the use of land under the terms of the lease. In filling that responsibility the board has used the method developed and used during the 1980's by previous Boards of Assessors. This includes the use of a formula to set the "full rental value" of all of the lands of the Arden Trust, and the use of a set of rates to assign to each leasehold a share of the total.

In using this well-accepted method we are mindful that Henry George, father of the Single Tax movement, wrote:

The tax upon land values falls only upon those who receive from society a peculiar and valuable benefit and upon them in proportion to the benefit they receive.

We have tried, in fixing the various rates and location factors, to be conscious of the benefits being received (or in some cases injuries being suffered) by the leaseholders.

We also agree that land value is a creation of the community and that rents must be collected for the use of the community, and in sufficient quantity to satisfy the needs of the community. We note that a former trustee stated that one yard stick for determining rental values is our "community standard of living;" we believe that standard is set in the annual referendum on the village expenditures.

The full rental value has three elements:

1. The amount required to pay the county and school taxes levied on the Trust by outside taxing authorities.
2. The amount required to maintain the community standard of living as indicated by recent referenda.

3. The amount needed to maintain a prudent reserve to insure the community freedom in considering the next referendum on community expenditures.

After determining the full rental value of all the lands of the Trust (which are limited to the leaseholds of Arden), the assessors turn to the relative values of individual leaseholds based upon size and other considerations. Those values are affected by the general location of the leasehold in Arden, by the size of the lot, by the uses permitted on the leasehold, and by certain specific location factors. We have set a General Location Rate, a Lot size Adjustment Rate, a Multiple Dwelling Rate, a Commercial Rate and a set of specific location factors.

In reviewing the "prudent reserve" in the formula, the Assessors decided to calculate it as a proportion of total expenditures as was done last year. Over the last two years the reserve was purposely reduced from its high level of \$141,000 in 1991. Those reductions allowed for an increase in expenditures with little increase in land rent. But in 1994 there will be no excess reserve to use in the computation of "full rental value". The reserve is at present \$82,000 and we anticipate that it will drop to about \$49,000 during the current fiscal year. In order to rebuild the reserve to a more prudent level, the reserve was fixed at 40 percent of this year's expenditures, rather than 33 percent as was done last year.

The Assessors determined that the full rental value of the lands of the Arden Trust is \$286,000, which is approximately 24 percent higher than last year's figure. That change was applied uniformly to the General Location Rate, the Multiple Dwelling Rate, and the Lot Size Adjusted Rate.

The General Location Rate, called Rate A, reflects a value all leaseholds share. This value is derived from being located in a fully developed village with an active community life and with many facilities and services available to all. These include paved roads, sanitary sewers, our greens and forests, public utilities, trash collection service and the Village Center.

The Multiple Dwelling Rate, called Rate B, reflects the added value of those privileged use leaseholds which are permitted to accommodate -- with or without legal standing with New Castle County -- more than one dwelling unit on each leasehold. In applying this rate, we define a dwelling unit as an independent living facility for one or more persons, containing permanent cooking facilities (not a hot plate) and other permanent facilities for living, sleeping, eating

and sanitation. Existence of a kitchen is an essential ingredient of a dwelling unit.

The Lot Size Adjustment Rate, called Rate C, reflects the fact that large lots have less rental value per 1,000 square feet than smaller lots. This fact was derived from a 1971 study of lot values updated by a 1987 professional appraisal and a separate study of market values. This rate further reflects the fact that most Arden lots are restricted to being the site of a single dwelling. The portion of the lot that accommodates that dwelling is more valuable than any portion of the leasehold that exceeds the minimum area required for one dwelling.

The Commercial Rate, called the Rate D, reflects the added value of a leasehold permitted to accommodate commercial as opposed to residential use. This rate currently applies only to Lot #88.

The Specific Location Factors make adjustments to appropriate leasehold rental values in accordance with uniformly applicable rules.

SECTION II

The computation of full rental value of the Arden Trust lands for 1993-1994 is as follows:

1. A: The amount needed for the county tax (est.)	\$ 48,000
B: The amount needed for the school tax (est.)	103,000
C The forecasted amount needed for administration of the Trust	20,000
D: The forecasted amount needed for community standard of living	92,000
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TOTAL ITEM 1 - FORCASTED EXPENDITURES	\$ 263,000
2. The amount needed to maintain a prudent reserve target of \$ 105,000 (40% of the Total of Item 1) less \$ 82,000 available from 1993-1994	23,000
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FULL RENTAL VALUE	\$ 286,000

The 1994-1995 Fiscal Year Rental Rates
(year beginning March 25, 1994)

General Location Rates

- Rate A: \$114 per 1,000 square feet, applied to the first 6,500 square feet of each leasehold.
- Rate B: \$89 per 1,000 square feet. For each dwelling unit in addition to the first the leasehold is charged rent for 6,500 square feet at this rate, but is not charged for more than the actual area of the leasehold.
- Rate C: \$47 per 1,000 square feet. This rate is applied to that area of a leasehold in excess of the area charged the A and B rates.
- Rate D: A surcharge of 75% of the total area of the leasehold multiplied by Rate C with no deduction for frontage on Marsh Road.

Specific Location Rates (or Factors)

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| 1. Leaseholds adjacent to Arden or Sherwood Forests: | + 10% |
| 2. Leaseholds fronting on Arden or Sherwood Forest by being across the street: | + 5% |
| 3. Leaseholds adjacent to or fronting on a communal green: | + 5% |
| 4. Leaseholds adjacent to Harvey Road or Marsh Road: | - 5% |

Notes

1. The specific location factor charges (in dollars) to be added or subtracted from the sum of the A, B and C charges are obtained by multiplying the area of the leasehold by Rate C and then by the appropriate specific location factors as given above.
2. A corrected forest or greens factor charge for a leasehold which has only a part of one side adjacent to or fronting on a forest or green shall be defined by multiplying the basic factor charge by the ratio of the actual fronting or adjacent footage to the total footage of that side of the leasehold.

Rent Collection

The Trustees are requested to collect, by using the prescribed rates, the following approximate amounts:

From the general location rates:	\$ 273,000
From the specific location rates:	5,000
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Total Land Rent	\$ 278,000
Revenue from fines and other sources:	8,000
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TOTAL RENTAL VALUE	\$ 286,000

Sample rent calculations are appended to this report.

Financial Planning Recommendation

The present Board of Assessors recommends that the Village of Arden decide on a procedure for doing financial planning at least three years in advance to provide guidance to future Assessors and other Arden committees. We suggest that the Advisory Committee consider this recommendation.

SAMPLES OF BASE RENTALS

<u>Lot Size (sq. ft.)</u>	
10,000	\$ 905.50
10,890 (1/4 acre)	947.33
20,000	1,375.50
30,000	1,845.50
40,000	2,315.50
43,500 (1 acre)	2,480.00

EXAMPLES OF RENT CALCULATION

- A 20,000 sq. ft. lot containing one dwelling unit, fronting on Village Green, adjacent to Arden Forest:

6,500 sq. ft. X \$114/M sq. ft.	\$ 741.00
13,500 sq. ft. X \$47/M sq. ft.	<u>634.50</u>
Base Rent	\$1,375.50

Forest Factor -

20,000 sq. ft. X \$47/M sq. ft. X 10%	94.00
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Greens Factor -

20,000 sq. ft. X \$47/M sq. ft. X 5%	<u>47.00</u>
Total Rent	\$1,516.50
- A 30,000 sq. ft. lot containing three dwelling unit and adjacent to Arden Forest:

6,500 sq. ft. X \$114/M sq. ft.	\$ 741.00
6,500 sq. ft. X 2 X \$89/M sq. ft.	1,157.00
10,500 sq. ft. X \$47/M sq. ft.	<u>493.50</u>
Base Rent	\$2,391.50

Forest Factor -

30,000 sq. ft. X \$47/M sq. ft. X 10%	<u>141.00</u>
Total Rent	\$2,532.50
- A 30,000 sq. ft. lot containing one dwelling unit with 75 feet of a 100 foot side fronting on Village Green:

6,500 sq. ft. X \$114/M sq. ft.	\$ 741.00
23,500 sq. ft. X \$47/M sq. ft.	<u>1,104.50</u>
Base Rent	\$1,845.50

Green Factor -

30,000 sq. ft. X \$47/M sq. ft. X 75/100 X 5%	<u>52.88</u>
Total Rent	\$1,898.38

THE 1993 BOARD OF ASSESSORS


Bernard Brachman



Carl Falco



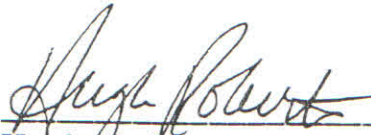
Aaron S. Hamburger, Chair



Cy Liberman, Secretary



Peter Renzetti



Hugh Roberts



Eugene S. Shaw

ARCHIVES REPORT: Irene O'Connor for Sally Hamburger

Our committee has been devastated by the death of Joan Colgan, our inspiration, prime source of Arden stories, diligent photograph identifier, all around devoted worker, and good friend. Certainly, without Joan, the preservation of Arden history would not be as far along as it is today. Many thanks to the Colgan family who, in honor of Joan's commitment, designated that Memorial funds be sent to the Archives. The Joan Ware Colgan Memorial Fund balance is now \$791 and will be used for a special purchase or event, planned with consultation with the family.

Maryellen Jobson, runner-up in the last committee election, has moved onto the committee to fill the vacancy - we ask Town Assembly approval of this appointment. The new Committee has reorganized with Sally Hamburger, Chair, Jean Brachman, Corresponding Secretary (that means that Jean takes care of the requests for information about Arden that flow in weekly), and Irene O'Connor Treasurer, Rebecca Fisher and Maryellen Jobson. Pat Liberman has agreed to continue as Arden History Ambassdoreess - she devotes time and attention to visitors a job she does particularly well.

The committee, assisted by June Kleban and Liz Moore, cooked the Arden Club dinner on May 15. The preceding week, we received a phone call from a group from the University of Pittsburgh who were planning an architectural tour of the area, asking if we would be willing to walk the entire busload through Arden that Saturday. Somehow, with a little help from friends like Aaron Hamburger, we managed the tour and invited them to the dinner (at their expense). Not only did we make a nice profit for the Club, but participants were so pleased with the whole event that we have received \$115 in individual contributions to the Archives and the request that Arden be permantly included on future tours. We expect a similar group to visit in 1995. It's illuminating to look at Arden through the eyes of visitors who find amazing what we take for granted.

P.S. The Town Secretary reported that recently micro-filmed Town Minutes of the Village, from 1943 to the present, can be viewed at the Delaware Historical Society on request (a duplicate set are also stored in the Delaware State Archives in Dover).

Report accepted

AUDIT COMMITTEE: Teri Tremel

This committee will be reporting at the September Town Assembly

BUDGET: Larry Walker

The Budget Committee met to elect a chairman, discuss a schedule for the budget process, and reach a general agreement in our approach for preparing the budget for the coming year.

The Budget Committee would like to get the proposed budgets from the various Town Committees during July. That will allow us sufficient time to examine and review the budget requests in an orderly fashion before making the presentation to the September Town Meeting. To date the Budget Committee has received budget requests from the Trustees, Playground, Civic, Legislative Reference, BWVC and Registration Committees.

Each year the Budget Committee recommends donations the the Arden Club Library, ACRA, the Arden Page, and local fire companies. Last year the amounts donated and next year's requests are as follows:

	<u>Present</u>	<u>1994-95</u>
Arden Club Library	300	300
ACRA	500	500
Arden Page	550	550
<u>Fire Companies</u>		
Claymont	600	600
Talleville	125	125
Brandywine Hundred	125	125

If anyone has any comments or suggestions on any of these donations, please contact a Budget Committee member to make your concerns known.

Report accepted

BUZZ WARE VILLAGE COMMITTEE: Connee Wright McKinney

Our committee has several items to report tonight.

The yoga group continues to meet in Room 4 every Thursday evening. All residents are welcome to attend. Please bring a rug or quilt. Call Naomi Clark (-2608) for information.

We had excellent turn-out for Easter Basket Making on Sunday afternoon, April 4. Baskets were distributed by ACRA to 38 older residents of the three Ardens after the ACRA Easter Egg Hunt.

On June 6, we sponsored our annual Over 80's Party. About 20 "over 80's" guests attended—about 50 people over all. We had a tempting assortment of foods, punch, beautiful flowers and good conversation. All refreshments and paper goods were donated. Thanks to Barbara Fenske who is the organizer of this event and thanks also to her enthusiastic volunteers.

We welcome the ACRA Summer Program which started today at the center and will continue until July 30th. We had a smooth transition from the Montessori breakdown to the ACRA set-up: school ended late this year so a lot had to be accomplished in one week. Also please drive carefully, particularly watch for the children walking from swim team practice at the Arden Club over to the ACRA program.

We are currently planning our fall programming. We will be sponsoring travelogues and craft workshops. Check the Arden Page for details. Please call Ruth Bean or Barbara Fenske if you have an idea for an activity at the BWVC, we are happy to receive suggestions.

In regard to our update on Montessori, construction of the new addition at WMS will probably be done by September; however, they would like to keep the building until January in case there are construction delays. On May 19, representatives of the BWVC Committee met with Marie Dugan, head of the Wilmington Montessori School and two WMS board members to discuss the early termination of their agreement at the BWVC. At present we have not completed our negotiations and their current contract is in effect until July 1, 1996: if WMS does choose to terminate the agreement early, we hope to bring the motion to the September Town Meeting.

We would like to mention and ask for your comments on one matter that was brought up during the discussions. As most of you know, if the town does not want to keep the modules after WMS leaves, the current agreement calls for the removal of the modules and restoration of the site. At the June 1992 Town Meeting, our committee brought a motion and it was passed, that the town did not want the modules and we wrote a letter to WMS notifying them of it. However, WMS is now offering the town \$6000 if we would like to keep the modules or do whatever we want with them, essentially removing WMS's obligation to the restoration of the site. We are asking for your comments because we did not feel that it would be fair not to bring this financial offer to your attention. The modules would not be stripped out: carpets and some fixtures would remain. For your information, our committee has estimated that it would take approximately \$20,000 to make the buildings permanent: they are not currently on a concrete pad.

As I mentioned in the March report, we have formed a consulting committee for the BWVC to help us with additional research on possible uses for the building after WMS leaves. The members of the consulting committee are: Bill Press, Cecilia Vore, Chuck Connor, Meg Ellison, and Patricia Hannigan. All are residents of the three Ardens. We also have some "consultants-on-call", they are: Ed Rohrbach, architect; Sally Hamburger, Archives Committee; Alyce Eyman, director of University of Delaware Lab School; Miriam Blackmer, board member for Yorklyn Creative Arts Center and Alida Fish, University of the Arts professor. With the help of the above committee members and consultants, the BWVC Committee hopes to be able to present the town with a realistic plan. Their first meeting will be July 12 at 8 pm at the BWVC.

Kate Ruggieri, an interior design student at Moore College of Art, has given our committee a set of plans for the BWVC that she worked on as her senior thesis. We will give these plans to our consulting committee and we hope that the plans will be helpful in visualizing a possible new use of the space that incorporates a small town office and archives. Because the plans are just concepts and have no specs with them, we would rather wait and get more information from our consulting committee before we present them to town meeting. In other words, get our facts together first.

Building use from the March to June Town Meetings: 24 meetings, 2 special events plus 1 ACRA CPR session and 13 classes. For new committee members, please remember to schedule your meetings at the BWVC by calling Ruth Bean (6140), she will give you a key. Please return your key promptly to her after your meeting. Coffee supplies are in the metal cabinet by the door of Room 4. A wall phone has been installed by the cabinet. The Archives is open 10 am-noon on Saturdays.

Thank you for your continued support.

Respectfully submitted,
Connee Wright McKinney, Chairperson

Discussion on removal of modules:

Due to concerns of the cost of upkeep of the modules, and the lack of any real need for the future use of these modules, it was the sense of this Town Assembly to follow the motion passed at the June Town Assembly in 1992,

"The Buzz Ware Village Center Committee of the Village of Arden moves that our committee be given the authority to inform the Wilmington Montessori School that the Village of Arden does not want the modules to remain at the BWVC and that the modules be removed and the site restored according to the items 14g and 14h of the Cooperation Agreement (May 1981)".

Report accepted

CIVIC COMMITTEE REPORT TO TOWN MEETING

JUNE 28, 1993

VARIOUS ROADWORK AND PAVING HAS BEEN PLANNED OR HAS BEEN COMPLETED.

- MEADOW LANE HAS BEEN REPAVED
- A TURNAROUND IS TO BE INSTALLED AT THE END OF MEADOW LANE
- A REPAIR IS TO BE MADE AT THE JUNCTION OF HILLSIDE & SHERWOOD
- THE PATH FROM LOVERS TO HARVEY IS TO BE REPAVED. NOW IT IS ALMOST UNRECOGNIZABLE AS A PATH

THE COURT HAS ASSIGNED CERTAIN INDIVIDUALS TO CARRY OUT COMMUNITY SERVICE IN ARDEN. AMONG THE JOBS CARRIED OUT WERE:

- REPAINTED YELLOW THE PIPE SECTIONS THAT KEEP BIKES OFF THE PATHS
- BRUSH WAS CUT ON THE PATH LOVERS TO HARVEY FOR REPAVING
- LOW SPOTS WERE FILLED IN THE MEMORIAL GARDEN
- 6 UPRIGHT YEWS WERE PLANTED IN THE MEMORIAL GARDEN

THE CIVIC COMMITTEE HAS RECEIVED SEVERAL ITEMS OF INCOME. MORE IS EXPECTED. THESE INCLUDE:

- DONATION FOR USE OF FIELD THEATER FOR A WEDDING ON 7/17/93 - \$100
- RESTITUTION AWARDED BY COURT FOR DAMAGE TO GREEN - \$485
- WE EXPECT SOON A PAYMENT OF \$900 COVERING ABOUT 3/4 OF THE COST OF PLOWING DURING THE BLIZZARD OF MARCH 1993. WE UNDERSTAND THAT PENNSYLVANIA HAS ALREADY MAILED OUT ITS CHECKS

THE INNER WALL OF THE GRUBB FAMILY PLOT IS LEANING BADLY AND HAS MAJOR CRACKS IN A NUMBER OF PLACES. APPARENTLY A TREE WAS PERMITTED TO GROW WITH ITS ROOTS UNDER THIS SECTION OF THE WALL. THE TREE WILL BE REMOVED AND THE WALL WILL BE STABILIZED BY INSTALLATION OF THREE 45° BUTTRESSES. ED ROHRBACH AGREES WITH WHAT WE HAVE IN MIND AND HE HAS MADE SUGGESTIONS THAT WE WILL FOLLOW. MUCH OF THE WORK WILL, WE HOPE, BE DONE BY VOLUNTEER AND UNPAID LABOR. THE POURING OF THE FOOTINGS WILL HAVE TO BE BY A CONTRACTOR. THE BUTTRESSES WILL ACTUALLY BE ON THE DEMSIE LEASHOLD. THEY HAVE KINDLY GIVEN PERMISSION, BUT THEY ASK THAT WE WAIT UNTIL AFTER THE FAIR. THE BUTTRESSES WILL BE IN THEIR GARDEN.

REPORT ACCEPTED

COMMUNITY PLANNING COMMITTEE: Marge Mabrey

The Arden Palnning Committee proposes that the old Arden Pool be restored for recreational use - for picnicking, ice skating, use by ACRA and similar activities. This area was always a "walk to" facility, and we intend to adhere to that tradition so the renewed use of the area will not require a parking lot and will not involve an increase in vehicular traffic for nearby residents. The committee does not anticipate use of the area for swimming. We have looked at the area, and we are beginning to put together a long range site plan.

For example, the area of the creek where the pool was could be cleared of debris and trees, the dam could be raised several feet to create a spill way and to provide a shallow pool that would be ideal for ice skating. The dam might be adjustable for summer and winter.

We have talked with several interested residents, and tonight we are seeking permission from the Town Meeting to clear the area of brush, weed trees, and poisonivy. Clearing the site is simply a way to begin to work on restoring the area for community use. Since we are looking at this project in long range terms, we do not anticipate any costs as yet, and we will submit budget proposals as plans for the site mature. We encourage any interested resident to contact any member of our Committee with ideas regarding this project.

a motion was proposed and seconded:

Motion:

That the Community Planning Committee be authorized to clear the area around the old swimming pool and report any further plans to the September Town Meeting.

Motion was passed.

Lew Aumack reminded the Town Assembly that his term with the CCOBH is over and Arden's representative at the moment is Chuck McKean. Bill Press, Town Assembly Chairman, thanked Lew for his many reports from the meetings and his efforts to keep the Village informed.

Report accepted.

LEGISLATIVE REFERENCE: Tom Hornung

A meeting was held approximately one month ago and attended by Hugh Roberts, Steve Threefoot, Mary Irons and Tom Hornung.

The meeting began with Tom Hornung's appointment as chairman of the committee and continued with a general discussion of the responsibilities of the committee and the projects currently under consideration.

The Legislative Reference committee is currently at work compiling a residents handbook of Arden including a description of the various committees and the function of each, the way the town works including the various ordinances governing our town and directory of contacts for specific areas of concern e.g. trash collection, street repair, town watch, etc.

Another project under consideration is to review previous Town meetings and create a file of topics formerly addressed to serve as a reference source in the event similar issues are raised in the future.

Report accepted

PLAYGROUND COMMITTEE: Larry Walker for Mary Vernon

The Playground Committee met, and organized itself, Mary Vernon and Beth Stevenson will be Co-chairs of the Committee for the coming year. The Playground Committee has been able to use the "community services worker" to remove the soil under the horizontal ladder on the Sherwood Green. Approximately five cubic yards of dirt were dug up by hand, and the area will be filled in with shredded hardwood mulch to form a shock absorbing bed.

The committee is very happy to see this project nearing completion, because it will improve the safety of that piece of playground equipment.

The required equipment inspections were held, and all equipment is in safe condition. During the spring four cubic yards of shredded hardwood mulch were spread under the equipment to maintain the shock absorbing base under the equipment. All items were adult tested, and any necessary repairs were made.

The Playground Committee has been using up the pile of wood chips that were dumped on the Village Green near the swing set next to Millers Road. Neither the Civic Committee nor the Playground Committee asked to have any wood chips dumped there, but we are endeavoring to use them up to remove the eyesore.

Report acceptedREGISTRATION COMMITTEE: Paul Thompson

The Registration Committee was convened. Paul Thompson, was elected Committee Chairman.

As of June 28, 1993 the number of eligible voters in the Village is 398.

The Registration Committee will meet on July 7th to prepare ballots for our new trustee nominee. These ballots will be counted on August 10th at the BWVC.

Report acceptedTHE WELCOME HITHER COMMITTEE: Jannie Stearns

Our greetors have met with all new residents except one. All were invited to our garden party which was given on Saturday, June 19th from 3-5 PM. Our hostess was Ruth Bean. The garden was beautiful, the day clear and warm and Ruth arranged for the thunderstorm to be delayed until after we were home again. The perimeter of this block party was Pond-Meadow-Sherwood-Lovers and Marsh Roads.

Sally Hamburger designed and printed all of our invitations so far and they have beautiful.

At our last committee meeting it was decided that we will greet not only new resident adults, but, now we will also be welcoming all Arden new born

babies. They will be presented with a blossom and a copy of Marjory Poinsett Jobson's "Arden Child". This will be in conjunction with the Archives Committee.

Our next meeting will be held in September at which time all new ideas will be presented.

I thank all committee members for their wonderful co-operation.

Report Accepted

SAFETY COMMITTEE: Tim Colgan

1) Community Watch update

As Kate Bartolo mentioned, Town Watch is performing and is effective. However, we have had a couple of complaints of Watch participants confronting alleged violators of Town Ordinances. Please remember, when on watch you are the eyes and ears for the police, not the feet. Stay in your vehicle, note questionable activity, and call the police. Thank you for your participation.

2) Remember Town ordinances are rules for all to follow, residents and non-residents. Please observe stop signs, one-way street designations and parking regulations. If any residents observe illegal activity, report it to the police and advise a Safety Committee member.

3) Traffic light update

We have been informed by Deldot that construction of the light at Orleans and Harvey should begin by the end of July. Construction will last two to four weeks. We will inform the Town via the Arden Page of the exact date when we know it.

Report accepted

Good and Welfare

Bob Wynn asked for fond remembrances of Kate Downs who recently passed away. Bob also reported on the Naamans Creek Interceptor sewer project. The Town secretary will write a letter to Councilman Richard Cecil to express Arden's concerns and ask that the maximum restraint be made in permitting destruction of trees in the woods. (letter was sent July 12, 1993)

Members of Town Assembly also asked that many thanks be made to Lou Bean and Eugene Shaw for the removal of the deer that was apparently hit by a car and left on the road in Arden. The deer was buried in the Arden woods.

Adjournment: 10:30 PM

Respectfully submitted:

Irene M. O'Connor
Town Assembly Secretary
for the Village of Arden